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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL SMITH

McKenna, June 1952

In connection with NSC Action No. 687, "A Project to Provide a More Adequate Basis for Planning for the Security of the United States" (see attached memorandum from Mr. Lay), Rear Admiral William G. Lalor, Secretary of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, called to say that General Bradley has instructed him to set up a JCS Meeting on Monday, 15 December, at 2:00 P.M., which they would like you to attend. Admiral Lalor has asked if this time will be convenient for you. The Meeting will be held in the JCS Conference Room - Room 2C923, Pentagon.

Admiral Lalor stated that General Bradley is presently out of town, but they do expect him back in time for the meeting. However, in the event he does not return in time, the meeting will be postponed.

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November 28, 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: A Project to Provide a More Adequate Basis for Planning for the Security of the United States

REFERENCES: A. NSC Action No. 687
B. Memo for NSC from Acting Executive Secretary, same subject, dated October 21, 1952
C. Memos for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated November 25 and 26, 1952, and August 30, 1951
D. Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, subject, "Summary Evaluation of the Net Capability of the USSR to Injure the Continental United States", dated November 25, 1952
E. NSC Action No. 543
F. SE-14

The National Security Council, the Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Murray for the Attorney General, the Director of Defense Mobilization and the Acting Federal Civil Defense Administrator, at the 126th Council meeting on November 26 with the President presiding (NSC Action No. 687):

- a. Received the summary evaluation, "Net Capability of the USSR to Injure the Continental United States", transmitted by the reference memorandum of October 21 and amended by the reference memorandum of November 25 on the same subject, as an initial effort in response to the NSC directive issued by NSC Action No. 543, and noted that it is characterized by a number of limitations and inadequacies, including the fact that developments since the evaluation was prepared have rendered it, in part, out of date.
- b. Instructed the Director of Central Intelligence, in collaboration with the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Interdepartmental Intelligence Conference, the Interdepartmental Committee on Internal Security, and, as required, officials of other governmental bodies, to

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prepare for early submission to the National Security Council, terms of reference for a more adequate evaluation of the USSR's net capability to inflict direct injury on the United States, and recommendations for the machinery necessary to produce for the National Security Council such a coordinated evaluation.

c. Deferred action, pending further study, on the recommendation in paragraph 5-c of the memorandum by the Director of Central Intelligence enclosed with the reference memorandum of October 21, amended as follows by the Director of Central Intelligence and circulated at the meeting:

"c. Instruct the Director of Central Intelligence, in collaboration with Officials of other governmental bodies as required, to examine the inadequacies of the present machinery, and to make recommendations to the NSC concerning the character of any new machinery that may be required to produce for the NSC coordinated evaluations, in the nature of 'Commander's Estimates', of the Soviet Bloc's net capabilities and probable courses of action vis a vis the United States' security interests. Such evaluations require the integration of national intelligence with adequate military, political, and economic operational information on the United States' capabilities and contemplated courses of action."

Accordingly, the action in b above is transmitted herewith for appropriate implementation.

James S. Lay, Jr.
JAMES S. LAY, Jr.
Executive Secretary

cc: The Joint Chiefs of Staff
The Interdepartmental Intelligence Conference
The Interdepartmental Committee on Internal Security

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